# STRONG PLEAFOR TORRENS SYSTEM

Extracts From Speech Made By Mr. Eugene C. Massie Before State Board of Trade.

#### TRANSFERS BE MADE SIMPLE

Many of the Complications of the Present System Would Be Avoided By Its Adoption.

One of the interesting features of the One of the interesting features of the State Board of Trade was a speech delivered by Mr. Eugene C. Mässle, of Richmond, on "Land Lays, Old and New." Mr. Massle addressed himself particularly to the benoits to be derived from the adoption in this State of the Torrens system of land registration. Mr. Massle said in Dart:

Real Shackles Not Broken.

History records no more glorious revolution than that by which our fathers east off the British yoke in 176. But though we then discarded the temporal sovereignty of England and prupaed from our laws many of her tyranzles, little was done to break the real shackles of the feudal land laws. The Commonwealth took the place of the King and became the supreme owner and source of title in his stead. Thereafter grants ran in her name instead of his, and she prescribed the conditions upon which lands should be acquired and held. She claimed and still exercises the right of cominent domain; taxes to the Commonwealth took the place of quitrents to the Crommon, and the Commonwealth has never hesitated to forfeit estates for the non-payment of taxes and other causes. Hut so far from enabling her citizens freely to obtain, enjoy and transfer their lands, the Commonwealth herself has been the chief desireyer of titles. For with an indifference to the contractual no less than, the "certain inherent righte" of hor citizens, she has from the beginning of her sovereignty confused and nixed the sources of title by making indiscriminate, multitudinous and conflicing grants, so that in many portions of the State the titue to vast tracts of land is unsettled and others are still undeveloped by reason of inclusive grants and interlocks. We know what is thought and said of an individual who sells the same article to several hona fide purchasers for good coin of the realm, leaving them to Examinle for the title; and not even the hand and person of sovereignty can alter the rank character of such transactions.

"Oh, it is excellent." Real Shackles Not Broken.

"Oh, it is excellent To have a giant's strength; but it is To use it like a glant."

Does the Land Own Us?

the olden time men were born serfs ched to and belonging to the land lay it one buys land, the question

To-day if one buys land, the question often uncomfortably arises whether he really owns the land or the hand owns him. Of course, there are exceptions in the country as well as in cities, owns and villages, but it is undentably true that money put in real estate frequently—and I believe it can be said without exageration—generally becomes dead capital. This is not as it should be, and there must be something radically wrong to produce such a condition.

I would like to see every citizen of Virginia, however humble, the owner of his home; and, therefore, it is my desire to remove every obsiscle in the way of such an acquisition. I would like to see the title to every home clear and secure, absolutely protect of from the treacherous grasp of the land-grabber, as well as from the countless clouds sure to arise under our present land laws. I would like to see every home useful not simply as is the den or lair of a beast, not as is a house of refuge for the incompetent and unfortunate, but as the possession of a man—one endowed with intelligence and capacity, knowing its value and ready to utilize it for all the purposes of life and in as many ways sy his judgment may dictate. Is it fair that my home should be deprived of thege varied user. And since the uses of a home have been compelled to deny themselves and their families that luxury because they could not afford to withdraw from their business the capital necessary to purchase a home? But, if real estate were made and ender marketable, if its life were made as clar and plain to all men and as roadily transferable as the title to personal property, and if simul loans and short tonin could be consended to own their hames. In addition to this, as the value of land will be increased by its multiplied uses, the Commonwealth will gativer into her treasury increased taxes, so that she will be enabled their to reduce the rate of taxation, or, better still, to make large appropriations to the public schools and asylunis, or, perchance, even to contribute a mile towards An since the losse of a forme mayor needs and wherever a free hird or compiled to de deny themselves and their families that luxury because and politic of the properties as a home? Hatt, if real estate were made more marketable, if its difficult of the properties as a home? Hatt, if real estate were made as clars and plain to all ment were made as clars and the clars and the clark the plain the p



multiplication discloses a charge of \$220,000 upon the counties and of \$391,820 upon the cities; and a simple addition shows a total charge of \$421,820. In other words, the one item of the examination of titles to rail estate, leaving out of view all the other heavy charges under our present laws, cost the people of Virginia in 1904 the enormous sum of \$421,820. Think of it, citizens of Virginia in-nearly as much as was spera upon all the public schools in the 100 counties of our State, and more than half of what was spent for public education in every city and county in the State. If our lands had been registered under the Torrens System, that saug sum would have been saved to the people.

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Yet, suppose for the sake of argument my ligures are not accurate; I am contending for a principla, that would not be affected if the figures were cut in two or even quartered—a great principle of personal liberty, equality and "justice—that real estate must be just on a level with personalty and be given its true value in all the varied uses of which property is capable. Carry that idea home with you and insist upon its recognition in the halls of legislation, in the courts of justice and wherever a freeman walks and breathes!

Not for Short Loans.

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Add. The question is shall Virginia keep p with the procession, or halling, lag chind? We have already dione something, and I trust we shall soon take the noi, stop, Our great Constitutional Consention of 1991-92, appreciating the importance of the subject, devoted to it a complete clause of the new Constitution, porterring special power appn the General secrible with control of the subject, devoted to it a configuration at the constitution of the subject, devoted to it and the subject of the subject, devoted to it and the subject of the su seembly "to establish such court or units of land registration as it may deem oper for the administration of any law may adopt for the purpose of the set-ment, registration, transfer or assurace of titles to land in the State or any irt thereof" (Consiliution 190).

For the State's Good.

## BEEF TRUST CASES EFFORT MADE TO ARE POSTPONED

Each of Twenty-one Packers Will Be Represented By Individual Counsel.

CHÍAGO, ILL., September 5.-Govern-ment prosecution of Chicago packers for alleged violation of the anti-trust laws was scheduled to begin to-day, but instead there was delay. On motion of At-

# GOVERNORS WILL ATTEND OPENING

one Northern State have accepted the invitation of Traffic Director J. S. Stubbs, of the Southern Pacific to be present at the opening of the Industrial and agricultural exhibit of Louisiana and Texas products at Concord, N. H., in September. Acceptances have been received from the Governors of Arkansas, Texas, Florida, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware and they will meet Traffic Director E. O. McCormick, and General Manager Tharnwell Fay and General Manager Tharnwell Fay and General Manager Agent Anderson at Raleigh, N. C., September 8th, thence to proceed to Concord. Governor Blanchard, of Louisian, will be unable to attend personally on

### PARKER COUNSEL WITH SALARY OF \$100,000

fessor Collins as chief counsel for Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company at an annual salary of \$100,000, according to an announcement to-day.

Fitch-Mallonee.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ST. LOUIS MO. September 6.—Miss
Eugenia Mallonee, granddaughter of the
late Thomas Month, of Richmond, Va.,
to-nigh became the wife of Harold R.
Fitch, St. Louis, at the residence of the
St. Louis, at the residence of the
cone, No. 6578 Cook Avenue Rev. Dr. Johnston.

of Delmar Baptist Church, offi-

ston. of Deimar Baptist Church, one-clated.
Miss Ella Mallonee, sister of the bride, was bridesmald, and Tubor Gautier was best man.
The bridal couple left to-night for an Bastern honeymoon trip. They will re-side in Bultimore, where the groom is in

business.
The bride's mother was formerly Miss Catharine Martin, of Richmond.

#### GOV. TERRELL PLEASED WITH IMMIGRANTS

Party of Eastern Capitalists Have Narrow Escape in

Six Inmates of the Henrico Prison Try to Escape-Given Six Months Each.

## ALLEGED MURDERER

(By, Associated Press.)

NEWCASTLE, IND., September 5—
Alexander Mays, who came here recently from Virginia! was arrested to-night following the receipt of instructions from the police department of Salem, Va., which charge that Mays is wanted for the murder of Henry Anderson. Newspaper clippings telling of the murder were found in the man's pockets.

#### ACCOMAC DEMOCRATS.

County Committee Reorganized, With Mr. Mapp As Chairman.

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N. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ONANCOCK, VA., September 5.—The Democrats of Accomac, following the plan adopted a few months ago to reorganize the party, met in convention in each of the five magisterial districts last week and elected their three members of the county committee;

Atlantic—Dr. Frank Fletcher, S. Wilkins Matthews and James W. Broughton. Islands—William J. Mathews, Robert L. Marshall and W. L. Watson.

Metompkin—Dr. John W. Bowdoin, J. Harry Rew and Joseph E. Riggs.

Lee-John S. Waples, John S. Parsons and Charles Waters.

Ilungoicague—E. T. Powell, G. Walter Mapp and Samuel W. Ames.

This committee met at Accomac Courthouse Monday and unanimously elected Mr. G. Walter Mapp as county chairman. The committee without dissent passed a resolution praising the work of the retiring chairman, Dr. John W. Bowdoin, who had held the office nearly twenty years, always doing good work.

Mr. Mapp is a promising young lawyer and has been especially active in the cause of temperance.

#### MR. KELLEY ACTIVE.

Milk and Food Inspector Submits Report for Month of August.

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Milk and Food Inspector Kelley has reported the following work done during the month of August.

Inspections, 65: permits granted, 19. Three milkmen reported to Police Court. Three milkmen reported to the following the following three milkments. The milk tested, 180; samples liquor tested, 3; samples milk tested, 180; samples liquor tested, 3; samples water tested, 2; sample medicine tested, 1; 354 lots milk examined, 25,835 gallons,

#### Virginia Patents.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., September 5.—
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Massars, Davis and Davis, Washington
patent attorneys, report the grant this
week to citizens of Virginia of the following patents;
Joseph S. Click, of Bridgewater, for a

talented show girls. Murray and Mack.

Like the brook, Murray and Mack seem to run on forever, and will continue with us all week at the Blou. They are calling their first offering this season "Around the Town," and the entertainment has proved fully up to their previous records, and, if anythins, more comic than ever. Much money has been spent on the production, which is adequate in every respect. There will be matiness to-morrow and Saturday.

### THE SLEEPING SICKNESS SEABOARD NOT FOR

Henry W. Nevinson, in the second of a sories of articles now appearing in Harper's Magazine, written from West Africa, furnishes some additional information on that mysterious mailedy known as the "sleeping sickness." Europeans and Americans have little information on the subject; indeed, until within the past few years it was unknown. Many traveling in Africa have not observed it. But of late years several have written of its ravages. Mr. Nevinson, writing from the Portuguese lown of Loanda, after dwelling upon the generally God-forsaken

HURLED TO DEATH

GIRL AND FIANCE

Sometimes, however, the bodies swel Sometimes, newver, the bodies swein all over, and the natives call this kind the Baobab," from the name of the enormous and disproportioned free which abounds there, and always looks as if it suffered from elephantiasis, like so many is an intense desire to smoke, but when the pipe is lit, the patient drops it with indifference. Then comes fits of bitter cold, and during these fits patients have been known to fall into the fire and allow themselves to be burned to death. Towards the end, violent tremblings comes Towards the end, violent trembing some on, followed by delirium and unconsciousness, which may continue for about the final fortnight. The disease lasts from six to eight months; sometimes a ratient lives a year, but hitherto there has been no authenticated instance of

such lands as have been cultivate

## CONGRESSMEN HAVE

Man and Woman Thrown Out of Emperor William Admires Tower-Automobile While Passing Over Bridge.

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., September 5. PHILADELPHIA, PA., September 5.—
While en route from Atlantic City to
Philadelphia to-day in an automobile
Neill Wolf, secretary and treasurer of
an antomobile company of this city, and
Milss Marie Hamili, daughter of a
wealthy Germantown manufacurier, were
thrown from an automobile on a bridge
over the West Jersey and Seashore
Railroad near Atico. N. J., and hurlod
thirty feet to the tracks below. Miss
Hamill was almost instantly killed and
Mr. Wolf died soon after. The car was

### IN A DOLL'S HOUSE NOT WELL PLAYED

Eugenie Blair and Her Company Gave a Colorless Production.

'An Ibsen play will not bear trifling with, and should it receive such treatment by reason of a company of only ordinary merit, stumbling and groping their way through lines with which they are not familiar, or dismal failure must be the production, at the Academy last night, when Eugenic Biair appeared as Nora Helmer, in "A Doll's House," a play dealing with the question, "Is Marriage a Failure?"

ner with which they deal with vital so problems, but are not strong from standpoint of dramatic action. Th problems, but are not strong from the standpoint of dramatic action. Therefore they require a careful interpretation, lest the meaning of the author be not made clear. The company last night gave a colorless sketch of this widely discussed play, and no doubt during the greater portion of the drama many of the nuclence were wondering what it was all about, and the final scen ebetween

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Nora and her husband, while explaining
the intent of the play, must have come
as a surprise, as well as a relief.
Miss Blair did not rise to the requirements of the role of Nora Heimer, and
none of her company gave sufficiently
strong impersonations to make the characters stand out as boldly as the playwright intended.

Opera at Academy.

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One of the most successful and brillint stage presentations of modern light opera was that made by Alice Nellsen, of "The Fortune Teller," and which will be seen at the Academy to-night, under the direction of Millom and Sarkent Aborn. With all its wealth of sumptions surroundings, sorgeous coloring and magnificent seenic adornment, which characterized the original presentation of "The Fortune Teller," it will no doubt duplicate here its distinctive success in other cities where it has been given.

How's "A Bunch of Keys,"

Hoyt's "A Bunch of Keys."

The attraction at the Academy to-mor-row afternoon and night will be the an-nual visit of Que Bothner's singing and dancing comedians in Hoyt's standard farce comedy, "A Bunch of Keys," which farce comedy. "A Bunch of Keys," which needs no introduction to this community. Year after year it has visited this locality. This season's production excels in merit any previous attempt of Manness are well noted. The company in cludes many well known performers and specialty artists of merit. The Acme Quariette will appear in a burlesque, assisted by a battalion of beautiful and talented show girls.

## TALK WITH KAISER

ing Height of Barchfield, of Pennsylvania.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, September 5.—Emperor William, upon Ambassador Tower's request, received Congressman Littlefield, of Maine; Bartholdt, of Missouri; Waldo, of New York; McNary, of Massachusetts; Norris, of Nebraska, and Barchfield, of Penesskynia teday. His Majesty talked

"Perhaps so," said the Emperor. "That is because we cannot afford to have the ties so close together."

ties so close together."
The audience lasted about twenty min-

Handsome Residences Sold.

Messrs. J. B. Elam & Company, real estate agents, have sold, privately, the attractive dwelling No. 214 West Main Street. The consideration was \$5,875.

The same firm sold this week the dwelling No. 2022 Ivy Street for 41,250. The name of the purchaser of the two residences is withheld for the present. Drills On Marshall Street.

Company "F." Lieutenant commanding, William H. Kindewater, drilled last night on Marshall Street. Preparations proceed for company inspection September 13th and 14th.

#### BELIEVED SHIP AND 19 MEN WENT DOWN

Steamer Iosco Added to List of Those Which Foundered in

Lake Superior. (By Associated Press.) PEQUAMING, MICH., Sept. 5 .- The steamer Iosco, of Cleveland, which had

the unfortunate schooner Oliver Jeanette foundered on Lake Superior during that great gale. The losco was commanded by Captain Olson Gonyaw and carried a crew of nineteen men. It is certain that the Oliver Jeanette is lost. The lighthouse keeper on Huron Island saw the big schooner go down four miles north of the light about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. No steamer was in sight at that time, and as three days have clapsthat time, and as three days have emps-ed since the Oliver Jeanette has founder-ed, the owners of the losco have given up hope that the steamer lived through the fremendous storm. The loss of the crew of the losco would bring the total of those who lost their lives in the storm to thirty-five, a number which may be liberasad.

#### HUNDREDS TO TESTIFY.

Ladies Are Summoned Before North Carolina Grand Jury.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

(REDENSBORO, N. C., September 5.—
The srand jury in session in the Federal
Court here has not returned any bills
yel. Over three hundred witnesses are
hora, summoned from all parts of this
revenue district, to give testimony before
the inquisition. The utmost secrecy prevalls. Several ladies, who keep boarding
houses in towns in the district, are
among the witnesses.

The session of the jury will probably
lust three weeks.

#### JEFFRIES AGREES TO REFEREE BIG ATCH

(By Associated Press,)

BAN FRANCISCO, CAL., September 5.—
The last remaining obstacle to the completion of preparations for the Britt-Nelson glove contest was removed to-day when James Joffres telegraphed his acceptance of the offer to act as referee for \$1,600 compensation. Both men are in perfect condition. The odds remain at 10 to 7, with Britt on the long end.

Hearing Postponed. MONTREAL, September 5.—The hearing of the Gaynor-Greene haheas corpus case set for to-day was postponed until to-morrow, owing to the illness of Judge Oulmet.

# J.T. WALLACE

Officials Deny That He Will Succeed Barr As President of the Road.

#### A. C. L. DIVIDEND INCREASED

Gould's Trans-Continental Systam is Being Rapidly Pushed. Railroad Personals.

Officials of the Seaboard Air Line in-

terests again deny the report that Mr. John F. Wallace, former chief engineer James M. Barr as president. Mr. J. S. Goodrich has tendered his

resignation as superintendent of the St. Louis division of the Wabash, and it

commercial agent of the Seaboard Discommercial agent of the Seaboard Disa-patch, at Pittsburg, Pa., to succeed Mr. J. A. Murdock, deceased. The proliminary annual statement of the Chicago Great Western, covering the fiscal year ended June 50th last, shows gross earnings of \$7.377.71, a decrease of \$64,963, as compared with the previous year.

According to the Lehigh Valley reports

According to the Lehigh Valley reports, just issued, including both merchandise and coal, the entire freight traffic amount; ed ito 23,774,237 tons, being an increase of 1,865,190 tons, or 5.51 per cent.

An important step in the completion of Mr. George J. Gould's Tran-Continental Railroad was taken last week, when the contracts were let for the construction of 500 miles of the Western Pacific, the line which Mr. Gould is to build from Sait Lake City to San Francisco.

Mr. Woodman S. Eaton, of Portland, Maine, who had been connected with the Maine Central for many years, died recently, aged fifty-nine years.

Approximately \$4,000,000 will be required to build the Genesee River Railroad.

Mr. William H. Bush, heretofore assist-

road, recently incorporated by the Eric Rulfroad.
Mr. William H. Bush, heretofore assistant engineer of the Missouri Pacific at St. Louis, Mo., has been appointed engineer of mantenance of way of the Kansas City-Southern, at Pittsburg, Kan.
Mr. E. W. Tolerton, attorney for the Pennsylvania Company, Toledo, Ohlo, died last week at the age of fifty-six years.

ears.
Mr. Cornellus Dugan has been ap-

Mr. Cornellus Dugan has been appointed special freight agent of the Leanigh Valley at No. 148 Liberty Street. New York.

Mr. J. J. Harding, assistant engineer of bridges and buildings of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, has been appointed engineer of masonry construction, succeeding Mr. J. C. Hain, resigned, Mr. W. A. Glass, contracting freight agent of the Pers Margarette Freight Mr. W. A. Glass, contracting freight agent of the Pere Marquette at Buffalo N. Y., has been appointed chief clerk to the superintendent of the Buffalo

n the invitations for proposals, to De-

A verdict in favor of the Pennsylvani's Railrond for \$100,000 has been been rendered in the civil courts at Wheaton, Ill., against the city of Chicago, in suits brought to collect damages from the city for property destroyed during the Pullman strike of 1891.

It is announced that the rail output of the Illinois Strel Company has been sold up to capacity until June of next year.

Twenty-two railronds reporting July carrings show an aggregate increase of \$1.637.500 or 128.per cent. In net carrings, Mr. J. W. Parker has been appointed.

the Orange and Northwestern, with head-quarters at Orange, Tex.

The twenty-third annual convention of

the Roadmasters and Maintenance of Way Association will be held at Niagara Falls, N. Y. beginning on September 12th. Headquarters will be at the International Hotel.
Mr. Geo. J. Gould has been elected acting president of the Wabash, owing to the absence of the president, Mr. Joseph Ram-

understood in railroad circles that

sey, Jr.

It is understood in railroad circles that the Alton and the Burlington are planning to build another bridge across the river at Alton or establish a transfer system in St. Louis.

The first refunding mortgage of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and Southern Pacific Company to the Equitable Trust Company, of New York, securing an issue of \$169,000,000 bonds, payable January 1, 1665, has been executed.

Mr. Jesse E. Rhodes, agent of the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville, at Marion, Ind., has resigned to become assistant to Mr. W. L. Allen, president of the Mississippi Valley and Gulf Line.

Mr. W. B. Jones has been appointed Superintendent of Transportation of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville, succeeding Mr. L. H. Parker, resigned.

The Seaboard Alr Line Railway reports for June a surplus over charges of \$117,313, seclient a deficit in June a year ago of

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The Scaboard Air Line Rallway reports
for June a surplus over charges of \$117,313,
against a deficit in June a year ago of
\$6,141. For the fiscal year the surplus is
\$1,034,002, an increase of \$789,797 over the
previous year.
Mr. Andrew R. Fillerbrown, assistant
engineer of the Pennsylvania Rallwoad,
died at his home in Sunbury, Pa., lass
week. He was forty-four years old.

Hanlon Gets Decision. (By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, CAL., September 5.-Eddie Hanlon was given the decision over Willio Fitzgerald in the sixth round to-night on a foul,

DEATHS.

ANDERSON.—Died. Sept. 8th, at 12:15 A.
M., at the home of his grandmother,
Arrena Sanderson 1108 Wallace Street,
EDWARD STAPLES ANDERSON,
EDWARD STAPLES ANDERSON,
EDWARD, Stauton, aged 17 years,
Funeral notice later.